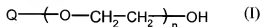


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 16. (Cancelled)

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) A method for improving the penetration of a herbicidally active triazolinone into a plant comprising:

applying to a plant and/or a habitat of said plant, a penetrant compound comprising an alcohol ethoxylate represented by the formula (I)



in which

n ~~represents 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~ represents 6 and

Q represents a branched tridecyl radical,

and one or more herbicidally active triazolinones.

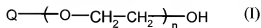
Claim 18. (Cancelled)

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The method according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 17 ~~or 18~~ wherein Q is isotridecyl.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 19, wherein said triazolinone is flucarbazone-sodium or propoxycarbazone-sodium.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A herbicidally active formulation comprising:

a) an alcohol ethoxylate penetration enhancing compound represented by the formula (I)



in which

n ~~represents 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~ represents 6 and

Q represents a branched tridecyl radical,

and

b) one or more herbicidally active triazolinones,
wherein said compound of the formula (I) is present in a concentration of from 0.1 to 95% by weight.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The formulation of Claim 21 wherein the weight ratio of said one or more triazolinones to said compound of the formula (I) is from 1:0.5 to 1:5.

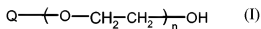
Claim 23. (Previously Presented) The formulation according to Claim 22 wherein said triazolinone is flucarbazone-sodium or propoxycarbazonc-sodium.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The formulation according to any of Claims 21 to 23 wherein Q is isotridecyl.

Claim 25. (Cancelled)

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) A plant treatment composition comprising:

- a) an alcohol ethoxylate represented by the formula (I)



in which

n represents ~~4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~ represents 6 and

Q represents a branched tridecyl radical,

and

- b) one or more triazolinones.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The plant treatment composition of Claim 26 wherein ~~n is 6~~; Q is isotridecyl and said triazolinone is flucarbazone-sodium or propoxycarbazonc-sodium.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) The plant treatment composition according to either of Claim 26 or 27 comprising:

- a) from 0.1 to 95% by weight of the compound of the formula (I),
- b) from 0.1 to 95% by weight of said triazolinone, and
- c) from 4.9 to 80% by weight of one or more additives.

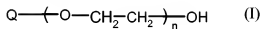
Claims 29 to 32. (Cancelled)

Claim 33. (Previously Presented) The plant treatment composition according to Claim 26 wherein

- a) the content of the compound of the formula (I) is from 0.5 to 40% by weight,
- b) the content of said one or more triazolinones is from 2.5 to 70% by weight, and
- c) the content of said additives is from 5 to 50% by weight.

Claim 34. (Currently Amended) A ready-to-use plant treatment composition comprising

- a) of a compound of the formula (I)



in which

n ~~represents 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~ represents 6 and

Q represents a branched tridecyl radical in the range of from 0.02 to 0.25% by weight,

- b) a herbicidally active triazolinone in the range from 0.01 to 2% by weight, and
- c) one or more additives in the range from 0% to 99% by weight.

Claim 35. (Previously Presented) The ready-to-use plant treatment composition according to Claim 34 wherein said plant treatment composition is in the form of a spray liquor prepared by a tank-mix method.

Claim 36. (Currently Amended) A method for treating plants comprising ~~allowing a~~ applying the penetrating compound according to Claim 17 ~~or a formulation according to Claim 21 or a~~

~~plant treatment composition according to Claim 26 to act on plants and/or their habitat~~ to plants, or their habitats, or both.

Claim 37. (New) A method for treating plants comprising applying the herbicidally active formulation according to Claim 21 to plants, or their habitats, or both.

Claim 38. (New) A method for treating plants comprising applying the plant treatment composition according to Claim 26 to plants, or their habitats, or both.